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TOWN AND COUNTRY

About Local People and Events and Other Matters of Interest

Honey for sale by G. W. Estes. Men's Mexican straw hats, 20c at Lomax's.

Men's \$1.25 work gloves, 98c pair at Lomax's.

Five rooms for rent. Inquire of Mrs. N. E. Fletcher.

Women's \$1.50 house dresses for \$1.29, at Lomax's.

Bottom pasture for rent, and wheat ground. A. E. Ransom.

Thoroughly seasoned cement blocks for sale. A. E. Ransom.

For Sale—One Buick auto and piano like new. Phone 174, Laclede.

Clyde Gardner is home from spending several months in Kansas City.

Choice of mens straw hats, values to \$3.00, for \$1.00 at Lomax's.

Mens' women's and children's shoes and low shoes at ridiculously low prices at Lomax's.

Men's women's and children's summer underwear at August clearance prices at Lomax's.

Make your arrangements now to attend the big doings in Laclede on Thursday, September 7.

The American Reading Circle will meet next Tuesday evening with Mrs. J. Clair Lomax.

There will be preaching at the Baptist church next Sunday evening, but no services in the morning.

Elizabeth and Harold Peters of Chillicothe are visiting their grandfather, Joseph Mathiasch, and other relatives.

There will be a big five reel feature show at the opera house on Thursday evening, September 7. Admission 5 and 10 cents.

Special train to the Meadville chautauqua next Sunday. The train leaves Brookfield at 9:00, Laclede at 9:15, arriving at Meadville at 9:25. Returning the train leaves Meadville at 9:15 p. m.

Delegates to the Linn County Baptist Association which meets at Marceline September 1, 2, and 3, who take trains by Burlington to go by way of Bucklin, by notifying Geo. W. Early, secretary at Marceline, what train they reach Bucklin on, will be met at that place by autos to convey them to Marceline.

The district as well as the town schools will begin the first Monday in next month with but few exceptions. The district schools of this township will be in charge of the following teachers: Plum Grove, Miss Aileen Betson; Pleasant Grove, Miss Ruth Kneeland; Bruner, J. W. Lind; Oak Arbor, Thomas Stuver; Sunny Point, Miss Amanda Glenn; Forker District, Earl Foster; Locust Creek, Miss Anna Dowell; Frakes, Miss Eva Andrews. Miss Via Glenn will teach at East Strawberry and Miss Essie Glenn at Centerville.

Settlement Notice

All knowing themselves indebted to me will please call and settle at once. No further time can be allowed and prompt settlement without further notice will be greatly appreciated.

J. W. MOBERLY.

Mrs. Elizabeth Reid does hair work of the highest quality. Switches made from your own hair. All hand work.

Thursday, September 7

The officers and committees of the Harvest Home Picnic association held a meeting last Thursday night with every member present. All committees made favorable reports which indicated they had entered actively upon the work assigned them. After a report by the finance committee the funds were apportioned to each committee as their needs were indicated and the amount raised would allow. One hundred dollars was appropriated for the ball game, fifty dollars for automobile parade, and other amounts for band, preparing the grounds, ice water, advertising and other incidental expenses. The date was definitely fixed as Thursday, September 7.

For County Judge

W. R. Sallee, the Clay township farmer and splendid citizen, who was drafted by the republican county central committee and placed on the ticket for judge of the western district, was in Laclede last Saturday getting acquainted with the voters. While he did not seek the nomination and was never a candidate for office, Mr. Sallee has accepted the responsibility and is making an active campaign and will use all honorable means for election. He has spent his entire life in the district, is not only a good farmer but a good financier, understands fully the needs of the district in county affairs and would make a valuable member of the court.

New Business at Brookfield

One of the big fall events in mercantiling in this part of the state will be the opening of P. W. Hartman & Company's new store in the new Bettelheim block in Brookfield about September 10. It will be the classy ladies' store of Brookfield, carrying extensive lines ready-to-wear in suits, coats and dresses, waists, gloves, hosiery, corsets and millinery. Mr. Hartman has just returned from New York where he purchased an immense stock for the new store which will be in charge of Carl Mayer, manager. The fixtures will be commensurate with the new building and the high-class stock to be carried, and not only Brookfield but this entire part of the state will have reason to be proud of this new mercantile house.

A Loss to the Community

From Missouri Dry. Mr. T. M. Elliott of Laclede wrote us a few days since telling of the death of Mrs. Elliott, which occurred some days previous. By reason of the fact that we unfortunately mislaid the letter telling of Mrs. Elliott's death we cannot give the exact date. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott have been potent forces in the fight for prohibition and the general good at Laclede for many years, and Mrs. Elliott's death will certainly be a loss to that community. To our friend Elliott we extend our most sincere sympathies and trust that our Heavenly Father may sustain him in this hour of trial.

Mrs. Floyd Fitch who spent several months in Laclede when Mr. Fitch had building contracts here, died at their home in Marceline on Saturday, August 12. She gave birth to a still-born babe a few weeks before and grief over the loss is given as the cause of her death. Mr. Fitch has the sympathy of his many Laclede friends.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1916-17 Term to Begin Monday, September 4

In less than two weeks the Laclede public schools will be open. It would be very much out of order to think that Laclede will have anything but a successful year again. With but a single exception, the faculty is the same as it was last year. This includes Miss Barber, Miss Kent, Miss Goins and Miss Heath in the grades; and Mr. Crookshank and Miss Trippe in the high school. As the third teacher in the high school, Miss Hunter will succeed Miss Walker. The course of study will be more extensive than that of last year. Besides the regular course, which was given last, German, Cicero and Bookkeeping will be added. It will be possible therefore for a student to select his or her work from a large curriculum.

To back up a strong course of study like this it is necessary to have plenty of facilities. The apparatus is in excellent shape already and the library is in a good workable condition. But to make it still stronger, a campaign for getting books will be started soon after school opens.

The Laclede high school is a first class accredited school, both by the university of Missouri and the state department of education. So as far as ranking is concerned it can go no farther, for it has reached the highest pinnacle in that way.

If you were to consider the strong points of a school, namely, the faculty, the course of study, the equipment, and the rating or standing, do you think you could beat Laclede as a place to send your boy or girl? The school is growing stronger every year, then why not let your boy or girl grow stronger with it.

Effort to Abolish County Office

Petitions are being circulated in every voting precinct in the county for signatures praying the county court to submit at the November election the proposition to abolish the office of county highway engineer. The holding up of the dragging fund resulting in the miserable condition of the roads thruout the county, the many bad bridges and washouts that are receiving no attention on account of the assumed autocratic attitude of the present county highway engineer has made the present system unpopular and a very large per cent of the voters believe the office should be abolished and the \$900 per year now being paid to that officer be spent where it will be of some benefit to the taxpayers. To bring the matter to a vote it will require the names of ten per cent of the voters of the county. These petitions will be presented at the October term of the county court which will be in time to get it on the ballot at the regular election. The petition in this precinct is in charge of John T. Cushing and those who wish to sign it can do so by seeing him.

Methodist Church Notes

H. J. Ducker, Pastor.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Wm. Kraft, superintendent.

Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. This is for those who cannot attend the chautauqua.

County W. C. T. U. Convention

The fifth annual convention of the Linn County W. C. T. U. was held at the Presbyterian church in Brookfield on Wednesday and Thursday of last week. The convention was called to order by the president, Mrs. M. E. Dryden, who presided with her usual dignity.

There was a fine attendance considering the extreme heat and all gave a good report which showed the W. C. T. U.'s are still in the front ready to work.

The music was very beautifully rendered and all enjoyed by the convention, especially the Scottish ballads rendered by Mrs. McNish of Brookfield.

One thing we were proud of was that Brookfield had a mayor—that was a "dry" man and was there to give us a warm welcome.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. J. B. Patrick, Laclede, president; Miss Nettie Hamilton, Meadville, vice-president; Mrs. M. E. Dryden, Linneus, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Oscar Crandall, Brookfield, recording secretary; Mrs. Chas. McMillan, Linneus, treasurer.

The following superintendents were elected: Bible in public schools, Mrs. M. E. Dryden, Linneus; Sabbath observance and Sunday school work, Mrs. Arbuthnot, Brookfield; flower mission, Mrs. Anna Jones, Laclede; purity and rescue work, Mrs. Hubbard, Brookfield; Christian citizenship, and legislation, Mrs. McNulty, New Garden; red letter day, Mrs. Letta Sturkey, Brookfield; mothers' meetings, Mrs. Cutler, Brookfield; scientific temperance and anti-narcotic, Mrs. McMichael, Haseville; medal contests, Mrs. D. H. Hall, Laclede; parliamentary usages, Mrs. Ormiston, Linneus; work among colored people, Mrs. Lizzie Reicker.

Snow at Chillicothe

The first snow of fall, 1916, fell in Chillicothe Monday night. It was not general, however, just falling in spots. Unlike snows of the past, it did not melt, but merely evaporated and instead of being just a few degrees below zero, it was 240 degrees below, and that is some cold.

Prof. Wm. B. Patty manufactured the snow Monday night for patrons of the chautauqua, and he did it with liquid air. Snow balls were thrown thruout the audience and that body enjoyed real winter sports for a few minutes.

Prof. Patty's lecture and demonstration Monday night was undoubtedly the most interesting of the entire program so far. His demonstration was practical and illustrations clear, so that everyone understood it plainly and enjoyed it immensely.—Constitution.

My Home For Sale

My home and nearly 20 acres of choice land for sale on easy terms—small payment down and long time on balance. Good five room house, garden, barn, and outbuildings.

REV. WM. SISSONS, Laclede.

They Won't Be Here

There will be no snake eaters, fortune tellers, cigar spindles, cane racks, wheels of fortune, or other swindling devices at the Laclede picnic on September 7. All such trash is barred from this town.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

Furnished rooms for rent. Brown Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lomax spent Thursday in Chillicothe.

Mrs. Deardorf of Hale has been the guest of Mrs. C. B. Talbott the past week.

Miss Myrtle Harter has returned home from spending three weeks with relatives in Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Moore are on a pleasure trip to Colorado and will visit relatives at Denver.

Rev. and Mrs. Whitehouse of Mendon are visiting Judge and Mrs. O. F. Libby this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. White of Hale spent a part of the week here visiting J. S. Williams and family.

Mrs. Julia Hendricks of Fort Scott, Kans., is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Harter.

Mrs. L. M. Jamison and daughter Dessie of Hamilton visited E. D. Jamison of the Laclede bakery here Tuesday.

Mrs. Lena Hatcher and two children of Bedford, Iowa, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Barton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Gardner will go to Kansas City Saturday to visit relatives and attend the G. A. R. encampment.

S. L. Felt came down from St. Joseph and visited over last Sunday with his wife and daughter and other relatives here.

Mrs. John P. Frakes of Brookfield has spent the past week with her daughter, Mrs. Lorenzo Welsh and family south of Laclede.

Walter Rankin and family moving from Kansas to Illinois, stopped off here this week for a visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Elizabeth McGrew of Conway Springs, Kansas, is visiting relatives and friends here, guest of her sister, Mrs. H. C. Carothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvert Monnett and little son Harold Brown, of Ithaca, N. Y., arrived last Saturday to visit Mrs. Monnett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brown.

Dr. F. W. Burke made a business trip to Purdin Monday and on his return stopped at Linneus and attended the republican county committee meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bundren and little daughter Ellen of Kansas City are spending the week here with Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Moore, and their many friends.

A. L. Peacher of Fort Smith, Ark., left Monday on a business trip to Chicago after spending a week here with his brothers, W. R. and G. B. Peacher, and other relatives and friends.

T. M. Elliott and his sister, Mrs. Chronister, spent Monday and Tuesday in Kansas City. Mr. Elliott attending a meeting of the state committee of the prohibition party, he being committeeman from this congressional district.

W. L. Sensintaffar and family returned home last Friday from spending a week with relatives in Shelby county, making the trip in their car. Mr. Sensintaffar says the corn crop in that county is very light, the big rain of last week coming too late to be of much benefit to it.